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TAGS: OVIP (PRINCE FAHD) SA PFOR

SUBJECT: FAHD VISIT -- CHAIRMANSIPS, PROGRAM, EVENING DRESS

REF: (A) JIDDA 2675 AND (B) STATE 101646

1. PRINCE FAHD INFORMED AMBASSADOR MAY 16 THAT HE WISHES TO CHAIR FOR THE SAUDI SIDE GENERAL MEETING ON JOINT COOPERATION AT STATE DEPARTMENT 0930 MAY 24. HE WILL NOT RPT NOT ATTEND ECONOMIC OR SECURITY/DEFENSE MEETINGS.

2. MINPET AHMAD ZAKI YAMANI, MINISTER HISHAM NAZER (CHAIRMAN CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION) AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE MOHAMMED ABAL KHAYL WILL BE MAIN SAUDI SPOKESMEN AT ECONOMIC MEETINGS. PRINCE TOLD AMBASSADOR CHIEF SAUDI SPOKESMEN AT SECURITY/MILITARY MEETINGS WILL BE GENERAL MOHAMMED TAYYEB AL TUNISI (DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SECURITY), GENERAL FA'IZ AL 'AUFU (DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL DEFENSE), GENERAL ALI QABBANI (CHIEF, MILITARY OPERATIONS BOARD) AND LT. COLONEL AKRAM KHOJA (DEPUTY COMMANDER OF AIR FORCE).

3. WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMIC MEETINGS, HISHAM NAZER TOLD AMBASSADOR MAY 16 HE HOPED MEETINGS WOULD BE FOR WORK, NOT PROTOCOL. AT MINIMUM, TWO SIDES SHOULD SPELL OUT GOAL OF NEW RELATIONSHIP AND ITS ORGANIZATION.

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COMMENT: WE DOUBT IF SAUDIS HAVE GOT A VERY CLEAR IDEA ABOUT THE MATTER, BUT BELIEVE THEY ARE PREPARED TO REACT TO OUR SUGGESTIONS.

4. ALL SAUDIS EXCEPT FOR PRINCE WILL BE WEARING WESTERN CLOTHES DRESS. THEY REQUEST THAT EVENING FUNCTIONS NOT RPT NOT BE BLACK TIE.

5. NAZER SAID HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER MEETINGS ON MAY 16. AFTER TWO DAYS OF MEETINGS HE SAID PARTY WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO DO SOME SHOPPING ON SUNDAY. HE WAS TOLD THAT PROBABLY NOTHING WOULD BE OPEN, BUT THAT IF ANYTHING WAS, HE WOULD BE INFORMED WHEN HE ARRIVED IN U.S.
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